FBI & Legal Rights

JFK assassination appeals
Withholding of the reasonably segregable-classification
Oswald pre-assassination records request
Files not searched

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Attached are two Not Recorded Serials from 62-109090, dated 4/30/ and 5/4/64, both by then Assistant Belmont.

In each there is withholding of information relating to Oswald and the period prior to the assassination, a matter relating to which there is a seaprate request and appeal, neither acted upon. In each case reasonably segregable information is withheld. Particularly in the contaxt of Oswald as the only official- certified assassin of a President do I believe this is wrong. In addition it is not likely that any information that might have been properly classified at the time of the assassination still qualifies for classification or should be under historical case standards. Very little is not within the public domain.

A side notation again appears to refer to a 62-7225 file, not searched and previously appealed. (4/30 record.)

For your information, the reference to a Chicago incident, not otherwise described, appears to mean the Thomas A. Vallee arrest by the Chicago police, under a pretext, after the Secret Service expressed some apprehension over his presence.

The self-serving FBI statements that it had no pre-assassination indication of any Oswald predisposition toward violence is absolutely false and may account for some withholdings. You will recall my appeals, not acted upon, relating to the FBI's tightly-controlled and longdelayed (by about 12 years) investigation of an Oswald threat involving now-retired SA Bonty, now-retired SAC Shanklin and many others, all of whom it is now certain did have such information and suppressed it after the destruction of the actual written Oswald alleged threat.